

HOUSE No. 1185

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, petition of Steven M. Walsh relative to creating a community service graduation requirement for secondary school students. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREATING A COMMUNITY SERVICE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3 Section 2B the following words:—
- 4 Section 2C. There shall be a requirement of all secondary
- 5 school students to complete no less than ten hours of community
- 6 service over the course of their secondary school career in order to
- 7 receive a high school diploma. Individual school districts shall
- 8 determine which activities or projects in their local area qualify as
- 9 “community service”.